



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

REP. CAROL GLANVILLE

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

10:00 AM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Committee on Higher Education was called to order by Chair Glanville.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Glanville, Rheingans, Koleszar, Scott, Byrnes, Coffia, Hill, MacDonell, Paiz, VanderWall, Paquette, Zorn, Bruck, DeSana.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Paquette joined the committee remotely.

Representative Rheingans moved to adopt the meeting minutes from October 11, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5175, HB 5176 and HB 5177 before the committee:

HB 5175 (Rep. O'Neal)

A bill to amend 2005 PA 248, entitled "Children of veterans tuition grant act," by amending sections 2 and 4 (MCL 390.1342 and 390.1344).

HB 5176 (Rep. Wilson)

A bill to amend 1964 PA 208, entitled "An act to grant scholarships to students enrolled in postsecondary education institutions; and to provide for the administration of the scholarship program," by amending sections 2 and 4 (MCL 390.972 and 390.974), section 4 as amended by 2021 PA 40.

HB 5177 (Rep. Hope)

A bill to amend 1966 PA 313, entitled "An act to award tuition grants to resident students enrolled in independent nonprofit institutions of higher learning; and to make an appropriation therefor,"

by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 390.992 and 390.993), section 3 as amended by 2021 PA 41.

Representative O'Neal and Representative Wilson testified in support of HBs 5175, 5176, and 5177. Questions and discussion followed

Colby Spencer Cesaro, representing the Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities, testified in support of HBs 5175, 5176, and 5177. Questions and discussion followed.

Todd Cioffi, PhD., Director of the Calvin Prison Initiative, and Mike Duthler, Calvin Prison Initiative Graduate, testified in support of HBs 5175, 5176, and 5177.

Mike Vroman and Jim Gornick, representing Siena Heights University, testified in support of HBs 5175, 5176, and 5177. Questions and discussion followed.

Meghan Lechner, representing Eastern Michigan University, testified in support of HBs 5175, 5176, and 5177. Questions and discussion followed.

Kyle Kaminski, representing the Michigan Department of Corrections, testified in support of HBs 5175, 5176, and 5177. Questions and discussion followed.

Jessica Henry, representing Nation Outside, testified in support of HBs 5175, 5176, and 5177. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Rich Ray, representing the Hope-Western Prison Education Program, testified in support of HBs 5175, 5176, and 5177.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5175, HB 5176 and HB 5177, but did not wish to speak:

- Fred Schaible, representing Western Michigan University.
- Frank Foster, representing Grand Valley State University.
- Steven Betz, representing Lake Superior State University.
- Ryan Fewins-Bliss, representing the Michigan College Access Network.
- Adam Majestic, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.
- Joe Haveman, representing the Hope Network.
- John Cooper, representing Safe and Just Michigan.
- De'Shondria Bedenfield, representing the Center for Employment Opportunity.
- Tony Grant, representing Nation Outside.
- Jeremy Hendges, representing the Michigan Adult Center for College Success.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5176 and HB 5177, but did not wish to speak:

- Rachel Richards, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.
- Kay Perry, representing MI-CURE.
- Lois Pullano, representing Citizens for Prison Reform.
- Gabrielle Dresner, representing the ACLU of Michigan.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Glanville adjourned the meeting at 11:41 AM.

Representative Carol Glanville, Chair

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PROPOSED